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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte: SUGIO MAKISHIMA and HIROSHI IGARASHI

Application No. 09/922,869
Technology Center 2600

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Before KRISTA ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*
ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 24, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

A review of the file indicates that on June 14, 2007, Appellant filed an Amendment After Final in response to the Final Rejection mailed January 20, 2006. It is not clear whether this Amendment has been considered because an Advisory Action has not been mailed or because box 7 of an Advisory Action fails to indicate whether or not the proposed amendment will or will not be entered for purposes of appeal. Clarification from the Examiner is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- (1) appropriately respond to the Amendment After Final;
- (2) vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed September 18, 2007;
- (3) provide a new Examiner's Answer including a correct "Status of Amendment" section in addition to correction to other sections as required; and
- (4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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